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DSPS Quick Facts

The Department of Safety and Professional Services is responsible for ensuring the safe and competent practice of licensed professionals in Wisconsin. The department also administers and enforces laws to assure safe and sanitary conditions in public and private buildings and regulates petroleum products and petroleum storage tank systems. It provides administrative services to the state occupational regulatory authorities responsible for regulation of occupations and offers policy assistance in such areas as evaluating and establishing new professional licensing programs, creating routine procedures for legal proceedings, and adjusting policies in response to public needs.

The Department is organized into six divisions and the Office of the Secretary. The divisions are, Board Services, Enforcement, Environmental and Regulatory Services, Management Services, Professional Credential Processing (including the Office of Education and Examination) and Safety and Buildings.

The Department licenses and regulates more than 200 different types of credentials in more than 58 professional fields. The agency's 379.6 FTE employees issue 400,000 credentials each biennium. The agency also provides centralized administrative services to nearly 100 boards, councils, and advisory committees. The boards, councils, and advisory committees have varying levels of responsibility and professional oversight based on statutory provisions.

The top 10 professions, with number of licensees, are:

1. Nursing	108,579 (includes 88,641 RN & 15,789 LPN)
2. Barber/Cosmetology	37,488 (22,103 practitioners & 15,385 managers)
3. Medicine/Surgery	23,335
4. Real Estate	22,341 (11,252 brokers & 11,089 salespersons)
5. Professional Engineer	19,619
6. Certified Public Acc't	12,967
7. Social Work	12,831
8. Private Security/Detective	11,024
9. Dentistry	9,365
10. Pharmacist	7,696
11. Architect	4,976